

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 15, 1917, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. Sunday, April 15, 1917. Darling Alec:

I do miss you so. The bottom seems to have dropped out of my life, and all purpose gone. Nobody wants me, perhaps it's a case of "I loves nobody, no not I and nobody loves me!" For certainly with you for company, to plan for and take care of I don't want anybody else very much, and people realize that and I am left alone now. We don't seem to be together so very much do we, and yet you are not out of my mind all day. I am either waiting for our morning fun together, our midday drive, our afternoon return home and our after dinner movie with little time for anything else. Now all the time is my own and I don't know what to do with it. Or if I do I don't want it, I just want you!

Every one seems to be going their own way, living their own lives in which I have no part nor lot.

I had a very good time in New York and didn't want to come home a bit, but there was nothing else to do. There too everyone was living their own lives, and Gretchen had to come back to enter on her new duties with the Navy League.

I ordered a small statue for the garden or pond bank for our present to Charlie, and selected two portrait painters, one of which will probably paint Elsie's portrait, and visited a great many studios and art galleries. It was such fun doing them because you were not at hand chafing at being kept from home, or at home without me. I'd have known in the latter case that of course you would be 2 glad to have me there having a good time, but it just wouldn't have been a good time for I would have been wanting to get home to you all the time. In this case you'd gone from me, not wanting me with you.

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Charles hasn't returned yet. His father is very ill now and there is no one else to take care of him.

My own darling be sure to be very careful of yourself. I love you so.

Your Mabel.